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To complete the file of documents pertaining to the Shatt-al-Arab boundary question between Iraq and Iran, the Department requires a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the Irano-Ottoman Boundary Commission of 1914. Research in archives of Washington agencies and in the UN reference library in New York reveals that a copy of the minutes was deposited in the archives of the League of Nations at Geneva in 1935 when Iraq brought the question before the League Assembly. Following Iraq's action a treaty between Iraq and Iran was signed in Tehran July 4, 1937 which made the minutes an official part of the agreement. The minutes were not published along with the boundary treaty (Ref: League of Nations Treaty Series, Vol. 190, pf. 241) and apparently have not been published in any other treaty series. The only available reference to them is found in the Official Journal of the League for February 1935, page 207, stating that they had been deposited in the League archives for the use of member countries.

U.S. Representative at Geneva is requested to affirm the presence of the minutes in the League archives and, if possible, to transmit a copy to the Department for its files and for distribution to the field. It is understood that included with the minutes are several maps of the Shatt-al-Arab. These would also be appreciated if available.

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